

REMARKS

Applicants have renumbered the pending claims as suggested by the examiner. Applicants have also amended claim 51 to recite SEQ ID NO:23 rather than SEQ ID NO:22. Claims 51 and 52 are now not identical to claims 49 and 50, respectively. Claim 53 has been amended so that it depends from claims 31-52 in the alternative. No new matter has been added.

Sequence Listing

The Examiner stated that the Sequence Listing is not in compliance because the verified statement required by 37 C.F.R. §1.182(f) is not signed by a registered practitioner. Applicants are unaware of any rule or statute requiring that the verified statement required by 37 C.F.R. §1.182(f) be signed by a registered practitioner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner cite the authority that he is relying on. Applicants note the submitted verified statement includes the following statement:

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of The United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Applicant request that the Sequence Listing filed February 10, 2004 be entered. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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